MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT OF THE DEBATE.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Sir, I beg to move the adjournment of the business of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance. (Mr. Sivatanu Pillai presented a written Statement to the president.)

PRESIDENT: I have just received from Mr. Sivatanu Pillai a motion for the adjournment of the business of the House under paragraph 38 of the Travancore Legislative Council Manual. This is what Mr. Sivatanu Pillai says in his written statement: —

"In the matter of discussing the right of depressed classes, to use the public roads at Suchindram, maintained by public funds, the House could not get an opportunity yesterday of getting a *full dress* debate on the question for want of ample time, though on a former occasion the House recorded its verdict in its favour.

As the Government seriously wished to take the sense of the House on the subject for a second time by providing in the budget for 1103 for another new approach road to the village of Karkad which would be rendered superfluous if the existing road through the village of Suchindram be thrown open to all classes, it is but fair and urgent to allow the House an opportunity to do it, the matter being a definite one of public importance.

(1) The expenditure involved is over Rs. 10,000.

(2) It is highly imperative that the House be given an opportunity to record its opinion on the question of such vital importance as the elementary right of all classes without exception to use the public roads maintained from public funds.

(3) The omission to do it would be construed in a manner seriously jeopardizing the dignity, status and intelligence of this House.

(4) It is urgent, as the failure to discuss the question involves waste of a respectable amount of the tax payers' money.

(5) It is of recent occurrence, the occasion arising only since yesterday.

So far as I can make out from the statement, there are two distinct matters mixed up in it. One, which apparently is the object of the motion, appears in two places in the statement and that is the right of the depressed classes to use the public roads of Suchindram, and the other, the elementary rights of all classes, without exception, to the use of all roads. As to the general question, one is the elementary right of citizens to use all thoroughfares maintained by the State and the other is the right of all classes to use the Suchindram road maintained at public cost. Incidentally, there is another matter which somehow seems to be introduced into this, that is the road to the Karkad Village which the House sanctioned yesterday. What was sanctioned by the House, so far as my position goes, cannot be revoked unless it comes up again for sanction.

In regard to the motion, there are two general propositions, the right of all classes to use all roads in the State and the right of depressed classes to use the Suchindram road. These two matters have been going on and receiving the attention both of the Government and the general public and the particular section of the community interested in it for the last two years and more. That being the case, I cannot by any chance regard it as an urgent matter of public importance, as Mr. Sivatanu Pillai says. It is not of such urgency as to merit the adjournment of the ordinary business of the House to discuss the question.

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MR. V. SUBBA AIYAR (*Nominated*) (*Deputy President*): A resolution may be moved for the purpose.

PRESIDENT: I was also about to say that if Mr. Sivatanu Pillai wishes to move a resolution in the matter, it is up to him to do so, because it is the most appropriate way to register his wishes.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): We can avoid an expenditure of over Rs. 10,000 if we discuss it now.

PRESIDENT: That is entirely unconnected with the matter and two subjects cannot be imported into the same adjournment motion. You can take it as a definite assurance from the Government that the Suchindram road question has absolutely nothing to do with the Karkad road. It is merely a matter of providing means of communication to certain people in the State. As I said before, two matters cannot be introduced into one motion.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): May I know whether the grant was once rejected by the Council?

PRESIDENT: And passed the second time, without question. Accordingly, I say, neither on the general principles nor on the particular case, even supposing both could come under the same adjournment, I do not consider that the matter is so urgent as to suspend the budget business of this House.

DEMANDS FOR GRANTS—(*contd.*)

DEMAND II—EDUCATION.

MR. J. STEPHENSON (*Director of Public Instruction*): Sir, I rise to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 40·16 lakhs under Demand II—Education.

Motion 47.

MR. C. P. TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*): Sir, I beg to move the following motion:—

To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,600 for travelling allowance by Rs. 600.

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